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SUBJ: GROUP FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF MOZAMBIQUE PROBLEM:

MINISTERIAL SHUFFLE CAUSES CHANGE IN PLANS

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 779; (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 749;

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1. DR. SIMIAO TELEPHONED CONGEN OFFICER NOVEMBER 7 TO SAY THAT GROUP HAS PUT OFF ITS ATTEMPT OBTAIN INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNOR GENERAL, BECAUSE OF NEW MINISTERIAL CHANGES IN LISBON. SHE SAID NEW OVERSEAS MINISTER, BALTAZAR REBELLO DE SOUZA, WAS "SYMPATHETIC" TO GROUP, WHILE GOVERNOR GENERAL HAD SHOWN NO INTEREST IN MEETING WITH IT. PRESIDENT MAXIMO DIAS AND TWO OR THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP THEREFORE PLAN FLY TO LISBON AT END OF NOVEMBER OR EARLY IN DECEMBER, TALK AGAIN TO PRIME MINISTER CAETANO, AND SEE NEW OVERSEAS MINISTER.

2. SIMIAO INQUIRED WHETHER CONGEN COULD ASSIST WITH PASSAGE-MONEY, NOTING THAT WHILE DIAS, AS ATTORNEY, COULD AFFORD
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AIRTRAVEL, OTHERS COULD NOT. SHE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT

A NUMBERSOF MEMBERS, NOT JUST DIAS, MAKE THE TRIP, AND THAT THEY WERE SEEKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS. (SHE RATHER IMPLIED GROUP DIDN'T FULLY TRUST DIAS BY HIMSELF).

3. SIMIAO TELEPHONED AGAIN NOVEMBER 8, AND WAS TOLD THAT USG HAD NO FUNDS WHICH COULD BE USED TO ASSIST HER. SHE DID NOT SEEM CONCERNED, AND REITERATED GROUP'S PLAN TO FORGET ABOUT GOVGEN FOR A WHILE AND CONCENTRATE ON NEW OVERSEAS MINISTER. ASKED ABOUT RELATIONSHIP WITH REBELLO DE SOUZA, SHE SAID HE KNOWS BOTH DR. DIAS AND HERSELF, THAT SHE OFTEN DINES AT HIS HOUSE WHEN SHE VISITS LISBON, AND CORRESPONDS REGULARLY WITH MINISTER'S WIFE.

4. SIMIAO REITERATED GROUP'S INTEREST IN CONTACTING MOZAM-BICANS IN AMERICA (REF. B), AND SEEKING INDUCE THEM RETURN HOME, AND AGAIN ASKED OUR HELP IN CONTACTING THEM, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE GROUP NEXT VISITS LISBON. SHE DOES NOT KNOW THEIR CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. WE POINTED OUT THAT IF THEY ARE STILL IN U.S. AS RESIDENTS THEIR ONLY NECESSARY CONTACT WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ANNUAL POSTCARD REQUIRED OF ALL ALUENS, AND THEREFORE WE COULD NOT PROMISE WHEN OR WHETHER WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
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